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Dear Sir or Madam:

The staffs of the Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) and the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) have been evaluating diesel exhaust since 1989 under California's air toxics program for potential identification as a toxic air contaminant (TAC). The report was first released in June 1994 for public review and comment. A revised draft report was released in May 1997. A third report was released February 23, 1998, and will be formally discussed with the Scientific Review Panel (SRP) at its April 22, 1998, meeting. If the SRP approves the report, we expect to release our final draft report in May 1998; there will be a 45-day public review period prior to the July hearing. The Board would then consider formal identification of diesel exhaust at its July 1998 hearing. If you would like to receive a copy of the final draft report, please return the enclosed form (Enclosure). The final draft report will also be available on the Internet via ARB's home page (<http://www.arb.ca.gov/toxics/diesel/dieselex.htm>).

In addition, the SRP held a special meeting on March 11, 1998, at the University of California, at Los Angeles, to discuss the health effects of diesel exhaust. As a follow-up to discussions at the meeting, Dr. John R. Froines, Acting Chair of the SRP, stated that written comments may be provided by the public who did not have the opportunity, due to time constraints, to ask questions. This was done to provide an equal opportunity for the public to comment specifically on what was presented at the meeting. In recognition of Dr. Froines' comment, we would like to have written public comments on the March 11, 1998, SRP meeting, sent to us by Monday, April 13, 1998. This will allow time for the comments to be compiled and mailed to the SRP before the April 22, 1998, SRP meeting. The transcripts of the March 11, 1998, SRP meeting, are available on the Air Resources Board's web site at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/srp/srp.htm>

Please submit your written comments to:

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If you have any questions regarding the March 11, 1998, SRP meeting, please call Bill Lockett at (916) 323-8711. If you have any questions regarding the proposed identification of diesel exhaust as a TAC, please contact Ms. Janette Brooks, Manager, Substance Evaluation Section, at (916) 322-8278, or Mr. Robert Krieger, Substance Evaluation Section, at (916) 327-5615.

Sincerely,

Genevieve A. Shiroma, Chief
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Enclosure

cc: Dr. John R. Froines, Acting Chair
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_____ Yes. I would like to receive a copy of the final draft report, *Proposed Identification of Diesel Exhaust as a Toxic Air Contaminant, May 1998*

Please send the final draft report to:

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